

DECLARATION

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In re application of : Kai KROHN

Group: 1634

Serial No: 09/508,658

Examiner: SITTON, Jehanne

Souaya

Filed: November 3, 2000

For: NOVEL GENE DEFECTIVE IN APECED AND ITS USE

Attorney docket: U012653-9

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I, **Pärt Peterson**, a citizen of **Estonia** declare that:

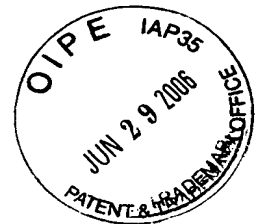
Graduated from the University of Tartu, Estonia, and obtained the PhD degree from the University of Tampere, Finland. Currently Professor of Molecular Pathology, Faculty of Medicine, University of Tartu, Estonia

That I have read and understood the specification of US patent application 09/508,658.

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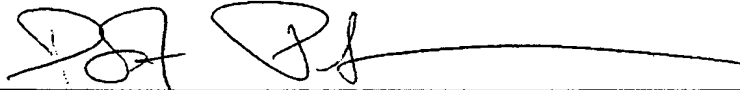
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be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statement may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Signed this 22 day of May 2006

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Signature

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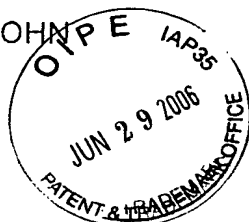
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I, Maarit Lahti (nee Heino) a citizen of Finland declare that:

Education: MD, PhD. Currently working as resident in the department of anesthesia and intensive care.

That I have read and understood the specification of US patent application 09/508,658.

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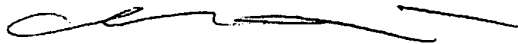
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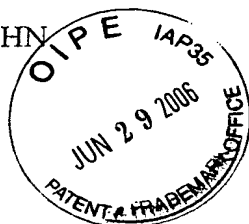
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I, Kai Krohn, a citizen of Finland. declare that:

I have graduated from the Helsinki University, Finland with an MD (1963) and PhD (1968) degrees, have served as professor of Pathology and also as Professor of Biotechnology at the Tampere University, Finland and have more than 40 years experience in the study of autoimmunity.

I am currently the CRO and COB for Dermagene Inc, Helsinki, Finland.

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, Hamish Steele Scott, a citizen of Australia declare that:

Academic Qualifications

1983-1985 BSc, Genetics and Biochemistry, University of Adelaide
1986 BSc Honours, Department of Genetics, University of Adelaide
1989-1992 PhD (part time), Department of Chemical Pathology, Women's and Children's Hospital (formerly the Adelaide Children's Hospital), and Department of Pathology, School of Medicine, University of Adelaide

Past positions

1987 Research assistant in the Microbiology Department, The School of Biological Sciences, The Flinders University of South Australia.
1988-92 Research assistant, Lysosomal Diseases Research Unit, Department of Chemical Pathology, Women's and Children's Hospital.
1992-95 Raymond A. Bryan IV Postdoctoral Fellow, Research officer, Lysosomal Diseases Research Unit, Department of Chemical Pathology, Women's and Children's Hospital.
1995-97 CJ Martin Postdoctoral Fellow, NHMRC in Division of Medical Genetics, University of Geneva Medical School, Switzerland.
1997-2000 Lecturer and faculty member ("Maître Assistant") in the Division of Medical Genetics, University of Geneva Medical School, Switzerland.
1998-2000 Deputy Laboratory Director, Division of Medical Genetics, University of Geneva Medical School, Switzerland.

Current positions

2000- present Laboratory Head, Genetics and Bioinformatics Division (now Division of

Molecular Medicine), WEHI

2001- present NHMRC Senior Research Fellow, Genetics and Bioinformatics Division (now Division of Molecular Medicine), WEHI

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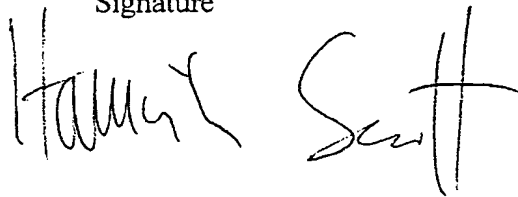
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Signed this 23rd day of May 2006

Signature

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I, Maria Lalioti, a citizen of Greece, declare that:

B.Sc. in Biology; University of Athens, Greece; 1991
M.Sc. Reproductive Biology; University of Geneva, Switzerland; 1993
M.Sc. Medical Biology; University of Geneva, Switzerland; 1994
Ph.D. Human Genetics; University of Geneva, Switzerland; 1998
Postdoc Biochemistry; University of Birmingham, UK; 2001
Postdoc Human Genetics; Yale University School of Medicine; USA; 2005

Current position: Assistant Professor, Yale University School of Medicine,
Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Sciences.

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Signed this 30 day of May 2006

Signature

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Maria Lalioti

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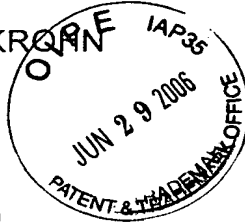
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I, Nobuyoshi Shimizu a citizen of Japan declare that:

I was educated in Japan, received PhD degree in Molecular Biology from Nagoya University (1970), employed as postdoctoral research fellow at University of California San Diego and Yale University (1971-1977), engaged in University of Arizona as Professor (1977-1983) and currently Professor and Chairman of Department of Molecular Biology, Keio University School of Medicine, Japan.

That I have read and understood the specification of US patent application 09/508,658.

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Signed this 25th day of May 2006

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Signature

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I, Jun KUDOH, a citizen of Japan declare that:

Education:

1979 – 1984: Graduate School of Science, Osaka University, Ph. D.

Employment:

1985 – 2003: Research Associate – Assistant Professor, Department of Molecular Biology, Keio University School of Medicine

2003 – present: Associate Professor, Department of Molecular Biology, Keio University School of Medicine.

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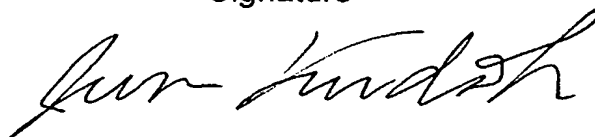
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